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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated August 14, 2002, the period for response having been extended three months to February 14, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph on page 27, line 15 to page 28, line 20 was first amended in the June 26, 2002 Amendment. The amended paragraph is herein amended a second time as follows: